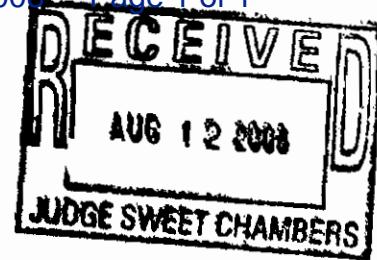




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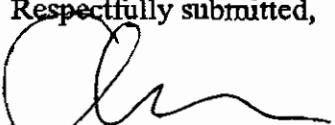
Dear Judge Sweet:

This firm is counsel to Thomas Jefferson Nursing Home, Defendant in the above referenced matter. This letter is respectfully submitted as a joint request to adjourn: (1) the parties' time to file any applicable motions; (2) their joint proposed pretrial Order; (3) and the final pre-trial conference for a period of thirty (30) days so that the parties can have an opportunity to engage in settlement negotiations without incurring any further litigation costs.

Pursuant to the Court's April 3, 2008 Order, the parties are currently required to complete discovery, file all applicable motions and commence preparing a joint proposed pretrial order by August 13, 2008. Moreover, a final pretrial conference is scheduled to take place before the Court on September 10, 2008 during which time the parties must file their joint proposed pretrial order.

This is a first request for an adjournment and no further requests are anticipated at this time.

Respectfully submitted,


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